Mainland China in the post-Xi Jinping era

It has been nearly a year since the opening of the epidemic in mainland China in 2023. As early as March last spring, in the atmosphere of China looking forward to the rapid recovery after the epidemic, I have caught many signs of a turning point in economic development that has not been seen in 40 years. The most prominent and intuitive are the crowds of unemployed young people in the Guangshen area and a large number of people sleeping on the streets at night. No matter how the authorities cover up and publicize, the rapid decline in China's economy has gradually been understood and recognized by the outside world. Please see several articles on mainland China published by me at the same time. Has the current situation changed, or is it more serious? For many overseas Chinese with relatives and friends, this is undoubtedly a topic that cannot be avoided, and perhaps a pain in the heart of some people.

On the eve of the strude of Xi's stroke at home and abroad, I returned to the mainland. Last time I went back, I only traveled in a straight line from north to south. This time, I specially added East China, especially the Yangtze River Delta area of Shanghai, Nanjing and Hangzhou. I don't have a local phone number, bank card, or even an electronic payment account such as WeChat, which also solves the problem of travel and accommodation. Because there are relatives and friends to take care of it all the way, and my mobile phone is T-Mobile in the United States. After entering the country (including Hong Kong and Macao), it will automatically turn to a local signal. But some places are quite weak, and there is no problem in using it in the main public places of big cities. There is no need to go over the wall, you can link to overseas websites. But if you are a foreigner who doesn't know Chinese and there is no one to help, it is basically impossible to solve the problem of travel and

accommodation. Of course, these people's artificial obstacles have reduced the willingness of foreigners to come to China.

Many people will be confused. Doesn't the Beijing government want foreigners to come and earn their foreign exchange? Of course, they want to, so in a very helpless situation, some countries have recently opened the visa-free entry regulations. Don't underestimate this step. For a totalitan country that wants face and shows national prestige in everything, it takes great determination to get to this point. So some foreigners come, but what awaits them is "step by step": phone card >>> tie credit card >>> real-name system... If you are familiar with the propaganda discourse of the mainland, it is not difficult to understand that this is one of the goals of forcing the world to accept the Beijing digital prison method, and it is a rule set after patting the head. Whether it's convenient for you or not, whether you like it or not. Like many major things that violate international rules, it is wayward and powerful. I am the greatness of Beijing.

Of course, these inferiority and arroguous ignorances are also common features of the last generations of all Chinese dynasties. Many overseas Chinese with domestic contacts have to accept Beijing's toss because of their family relationship. The latest news is that Gao Yu, the brother of Gao's brothers, a well-known Chinese contemporary artist living in the United States, and the 68-year-old Gao, was arrested when he returned to China to visit his relatives. The Gao brothers once created Mao Zedong's kneeling and repentance statue and other works of art touching politics. It is understood that Gao Yu's arrest was "the crime of infringing on the honor of heroes and martyrs" added by the Communist Party of China in 2021. Two months ago, Gao Yu returned to China with his wife and children to visit his relatives. He originally planned to fly back to New York from Beijing on September 3, but did not I thought about it, but I was arrested. The funny thing is that China's new "law" has no time limit, which can be traced back to decades at will, and the connotation of the

regulations is deliberately vague, which is the current characteristic and sadness of China.

Because he is an overseas celebrity, he is reported and paid attention to. Before I was about to go, I attended a friend's dinner. Most of the guests are new to meeting, and they all look like successful people in China. After coming back, my friend told me that eight out of ten people could not go back to the mainland. I was very surprised and hurried to ask the reason. He replied, "It's popular!", and then he couldn't stop laughing. He explained that it was all trivial, not the "official red pass" on the Internet. I intended to accept their invitation in China and walk around their manor. When I heard so much negative news, I decided to try to go alone so as not to involve others. What's more, I still need to keep evaluating the rumors in Beijing on the Internet?

Let's talk about Hong Kong first. This is the window for the world to understand China. Turn on newspapers and TV at will, and there is no news value. Obviously, the local media will not completely copy the news from the mainland, and the Communist Party of China also knows that it

is a shame. But I dare not adopt international news and have my own independent views. As a result, I am self-censorship and find something that has no news value to fool around. Fortunately, in Hong Kong, you can browse online at will without restrictions. Unless the real name embarrass the Communist Party of Earth, there will be no trouble. Hong Kong and Macao are already very dead, with few tourists and light business. In the lobby of the Lisbon Hotel, I didn't see a single tourist. However, the mainland also needs Hong Kong and Macao, as the last channel for foreign relations, to fool Western countries, such as importing some sensitive equipment, using university international exchange platforms, stealing scientific and technological information, etc.

For many mainlanders, Hong Kong is still their paradise, because there is still the remaining physical and mental freedom. But it is difficult for Hong Kong people who are used to living a free life, especially those who are Westernized. Recently, a well-known professor committed suicide, which caused a sensation in the local education community. I was in the mainland, and I also heard a wide range of people's discussions. Compared with before the pandemic, or a year ago, the mainland has changed too much too quickly: people's hearts are loose, and confidence has fallen to the bottom. People's despair for the future is far more than the Mao era in the late Cultural Revolution, when there was a shortage of material. The reason is very simple. After more than 40 years of opening up, people's horizons have been broadened, and they are not so easy to fool, and they are confused by official false propaganda and misinformation.

In recent years, the official has been hot about the so-called national security. The people at the bottom are easy to become red fans, but they will soon become anti-thieves. Everything depends on whether there is a mouthful of food to eat. At present, unemployment, housing loss, discredit and other trends are sweeping the mainland. Ironically, the harder people work, the more they fall into the unfathomable abyss and

can't extricate themselves. After contact with many relatives and friends, what they care about most is the fate of future generations. After 2014, especially those who bought houses after the epidemic, they were afraid to mention the house. In the past, people who thought that having more houses were the winners in life, now they are restless, thinking that their old age is guaranteed, but the result is that they have to work hard for the old age of the house. Meals have been significantly reduced. In addition to reducing expenses, some people have moved away from social circles to protect their greatest face and dignity from questioning (violation).

But there are also rich scenes piled up like mountains, such as electric vehicles. In all kinds of large shopping malls, there are all kinds of electric cars for sale. Unfortunately, most of the brand names are rusty to me. I often want a cup of coffee and wait for the appearance of buyers. In fact, even the audience rarely appears. Another abundance is a large number of vacant real estate. I heard that near Hefei Airport, there is a five-star hotel in the aviation city designed for 100,000 people. It happened that a friend invited me there, so I rushed there from Shanghai. Sure enough, the ghost town lived up to its reputation. In fact, similar ghost towns have been distributed all over the country, which is very eye-catching. At present, the unemployment rate is high, coupled with the decline in real estate prices, and not many people dare to enter. No one knows when the bankruptcy of the housing market will end.

Finally, let's talk about the rumors of Beijing in the post-Xi Jinping era. To my satisfaction, many online reviewers and readers are accepting and spreading the statement of "post-Xi Jinping's era" pioneered by me, because it is indeed a critical period once in a hundred years, and it is worth visiting the mainland in person and witnessing such a historical moment.

When meeting with old friends and relatives, although we avoid talking about politics, there are always times to talk about it. The domestic

people expect the truth and also want to check the internal propaganda. Many people are very sensitive to politics. Recently, the "rumors" about Xi are naturally boiling. Mao has engaged in personality cult, but it must be admitted that he was basically successful. In that era, there were not many people who dared to question or oppose Mao. Therefore, Deng took advantage of the ignorance of most people to quickly "sort out the mess" after Mao. But Xi is just the opposite. The more he publicizes, the more he is disgusted. So I said in the last article that the basis of the rise and spread of rumors is that Xi has lost the "party spirit, the people's heart and the military heart". Is it strange that there is no chaos?

However, with Xi's culture and IQ, he can't recognize his own shortcomings. After Xi established his rule alone, the Party's ideology completely lost its flexibility and became a zombie to defend his clumsiness. Four consciousness, "four self-confidence", "two maintenance" and "two establishment" are both spells and viruses. They should be instilled and spread to Party members and the masses, trying to thoroughly brainwash them and become Xi's taming tools. After these slogans are diluted or disappeared in the media, the public will naturally think that the "coup" is true, and Xi has entered the post-era, that is, the garbage heap moment of history.

Zhang Youxia appeared and received Sullivan, Assistant to the President of the United States for National Security Affairs. This is not a trivial matter. The politically sensitive Chinese people have already sensed something wrong. Please refer to the Beijing countermeasures mentioned in the previous article: "The steamed buns should be eaten one by one, and the rest of the party should also swallow them one by one." Recently, it was rumored on the Internet that "Zhang Youxia, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission, and Miao Hua, Director of the Joint General Political Department, successfully investigated Qin Shutong, the political commissar of the Army. The relationship between Admiral Qin Shutong and Zhang Youxia is complicated. This move means

that Zhang Youxia's military control is gradually strengthened, or it implies the escalation of the internal power struggle of the Communist Party of China." Don't forget that this Admiral Qin, who was copied, is Xi's personal confidant!

When traveling in the mainland, you can not only talk about politics, but also have many things worth recalling. First of all, there are all kinds of restaurants. There are few people and quiet, and the price has not changed much. Therefore, there is a reason why many people fall in love with the taste of Chinese food. Of course, it is the coolest thing to go back to the place where I grew up in my childhood, meet many childhood companions in those years, and have the feeling of having nothing to say. From their mouths, we can learn a lot of real social status. On the contrary, the students who only met when they were old were more reserved. Most of them hope for a rich, peaceful and carefree life, but they can't face the reality of going back to the Cultural Revolution. This is the popular Chinese dream in the post-Xi Jinping era, which is illusory but helpless.

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